

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3435 - SB 3718**

February 29, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires, rather than authorizes, the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH) to monitor compliance with indigent dental service requirements and to request corrective action if necessary. Requires DOH to impose sanctions for noncompliance with approved corrective action plans.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$5,100/One-Time  
\$72,400/Recurring**

**Assumptions:**

- According to DOH, the Department does not currently have sufficient staff to fully monitor compliance with indigent dental service requirements, require plans of corrective action and monitor to ensure the plans are being followed.
- To accomplish this, the Department will hire one Administrative Services Assistant to serve as the coordinator of quality assurance and oversight monitoring for the metropolitan health departments. Recurring state expenditures associated with this position will increase by \$72,429 (\$42,898 salary + \$12,331 benefits and insurance + \$7,900 administrative support services + \$4,100 office lease + \$3,000 travel + \$1,600 communications and networking + \$600 supplies). One-time state expenditures will increase by \$5,100 (\$2,700 office set-up + \$2,400 computers and printer).
- Developing guidance for monitoring, establishing benchmarks to determine compliance, and developing and maintaining a database to record frequency of monitoring, the results, correcting action plans taken, and follow-up will not result in a significant increase in expenditures to the Department and can be accommodated within existing budgetary resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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